



**R. Gopalakrishnan [Gopal]**  
Author and  
Corporate Advisor

R Gopalakrishnan studied physics at Kolkata, engineering at IIT Kharagpur and attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He has been a professional manager from 1967. He has served as Chairman of Unilever Arabia, as MD of Brooke Bond Lipton and Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever, as ED of Tata Sons and several Tata companies. He also serves as an independent director of listed companies, Akzo Nobel India, Castrol India, and Hemas Holdings PLC, Sri Lanka.

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50 years of Management experience. 30 years of Board experience. Over 100 keynotes in India and Abroad. He has authored 6 books. Contributed Newspaper Articles. Management Writer.

R Gopalakrishnan (Gopal to his friends) spends his time in **Writing, Advising, Speaking and Teaching**

**Writing:** Gopal has been a newspaper columnist and continues to write every month for financial papers. He has also authored six books since 2007, the titles of which are,

- 1) The case of the bonsai manager
- 2) When the penny drops
- 3) What the CEO really wants from you
- 4) A comma in a sentence
- 5) Six lenses
- 6) A Biography of Innovations

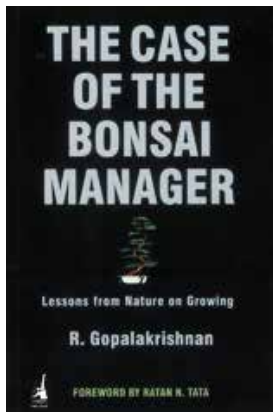
**Advising:** Gopal has been a corporate leader for 50 years: 31 years in Unilever and 19 years in Tata. He served in Jeddah as Chairman of Unilever Arabia, in Bangalore as Managing Director of Brooke Bond Lipton and Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever, and as Executive Director of Tata Sons. Apart from serving as a Director on the TATA parent board, Tata Sons, and he also served several group companies. Currently he serves as an independent director of listed companies, Akzo Nobel India, Castrol India, and Hemas Holdings PLC, Sri Lanka.

**Speaking:** Gopal is an international speaker and is actively engaged in both instructional and inspirational speaking. Over the last few years, he has spoken at Hong Kong and Hangzhou, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, as well as Paris and Philadelphia. These are in addition to extensive speaking engagements within India.

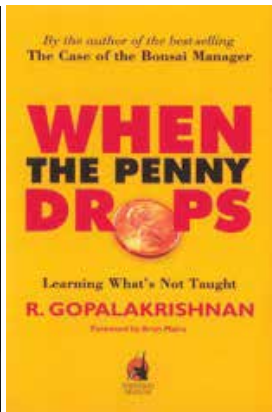
**Teaching:** Gopal studied physics at St Xavier's Kolkata, engineering at IIT Kharagpur and attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He is a past president of the All India Management Association. Gopal has a wide repertoire of subjects, specifically – Business in India, Markets and Customers, Governance and Strategy, Organisation and People, and Innovation. He relies on practical examples, rich with anecdotes rather than theory or analytical frameworks. He has taught an unusual course titled 'LWNT-Learning What Nobody Teaches' at B-schools.

Gopal serves as Executive in Residence at the SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai. He is Distinguished Professor of IIT Kharagpur.

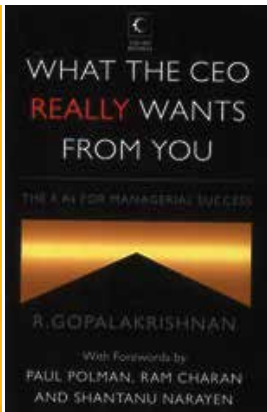
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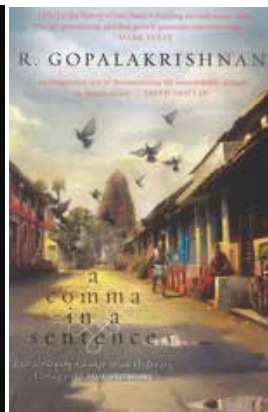
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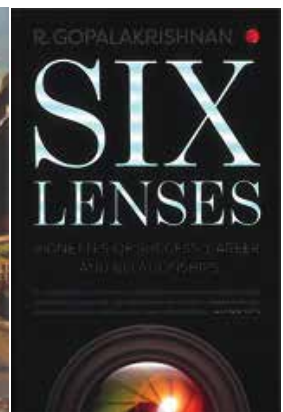
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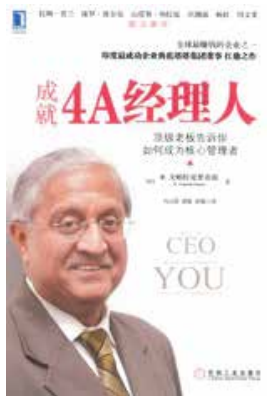
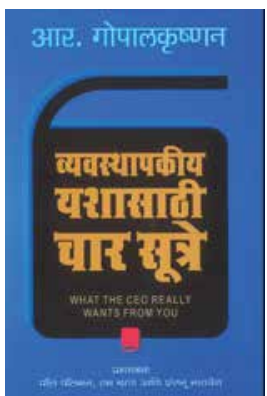
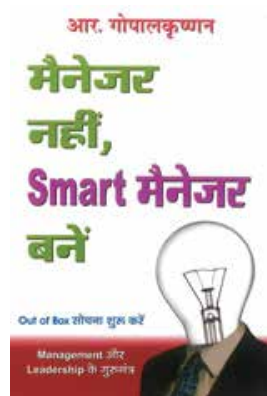
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